Wearing A Helmet Correctly

Life is hard! Unfortunately, so are brick walls, cars, trucks, street signs, fences, sidewalks, and paved roads. Always wear a helmet when riding a scooter.

The cost of a helmet is a small price to pay for "head insurance".

Be sure your helmet is safety approved by CPSC.



The helmet should fit snugly.

Always fasten the strap.

If your helmet is in any type of crash, or damaged in any other way, you should replace it.

What is a Motor **Assisted Scooter?**

A Motor Assisted Scooter:

- Has an electric motor or gas engine (4occ or less).
- Has a braking system.
- Can be propelled by human power alone.

What is the Law?

The laws for a Motor Assisted Scooter are:

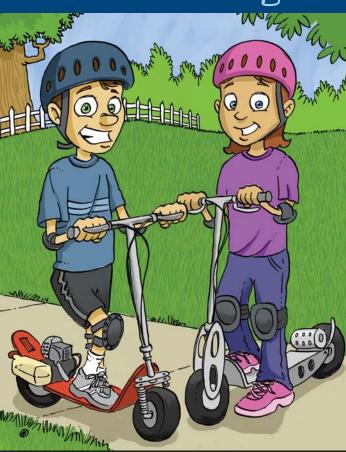
- Operated on highways with less than four lanes and speed limits of 25mph or under.
- Anyone under 18 must wear protective headgear meeting the same standards as bicycle helmets.
- Anyone under 16 may only operate under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.
- May not be operated on or around public parking structures or on public property where skateboards are prohibited.

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Obey Signs



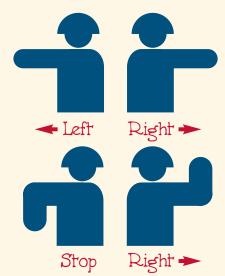






Always come to a complete stop at all stop signs, and obey all other traffic signs and signals.

Use Hand Signals



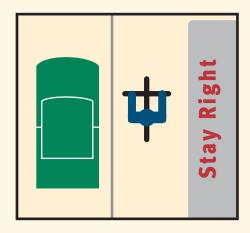
Use hand signals to let drivers know what you are going to do.

Safety Starts At Home



Before going on the street from your driveway or sidewalk, stop and check traffic by looking left - right - left.

Ride With Traffic



Ride on the right side of the street in the same direction as traffic. Remember to ride single file, one behind the other.

For Adults Only

Tips to get a child to wear a helmet:

Set a good example by wearing your own helmet when you ride, including bicycles and motorcycles.

Point out famous athletes who use helmets to prevent head injuries.

Have your child pick out the helmet.

Never allow your child to ride without wearing a helmet.

Praise your child for wearing a helmet.

Start the helmet habit early with your child's first wheels.